

# House File 618 - Enrolled

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AN ACT

ALLOWING A COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS TO APPOINT  
CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SERVE AS PRECINCT ELECTION  
BOARD MEMBERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 49.13, Code 2007, is amended by adding  
the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The commissioner may appoint high  
school students who are not yet qualified to be registered  
voters to serve as precinct election board members.

a. To qualify to serve as a precinct election board  
member, a high school student shall:

(1) Be a United States citizen.

(2) Be at least seventeen years of age and a student in  
good standing enrolled in a public or private secondary school  
in Iowa.

(3) Receive credit in at least four subjects, each of one  
period or hour, or the equivalent thereof, at all times. The  
eligible subjects are language arts, social studies,  
mathematics, science, health, physical education, fine arts,  
foreign language, and vocational education. Coursework taken  
as a postsecondary enrollment option for which a school  
district or accredited nonpublic school grants academic credit  
toward high school graduation shall be used in determining  
eligibility. A student shall not be denied eligibility if the  
student's school program deviates from the traditional  
two-semester school year. Each student wishing to participate  
under this subsection shall be passing all coursework for  
which credit is given and shall be making adequate progress  
toward graduation requirements at the end of each grading  
period. At the end of a grading period that is the final  
grading period in a school year, a student who receives a  
failing grade in any course for which credit is awarded is  
ineligible to participate under this subsection. A student  
who is eligible at the close of a semester is academically  
eligible to participate under this subsection until the  
beginning of the subsequent semester. A student with a  
disability who has an individualized education program shall  
not be denied eligibility to participate under this subsection  
on the basis of scholarship if the student is making adequate  
progress, as determined by school officials, towards the goals  
and objectives on the student's individualized education  
program.

(4) At the time of appointment, have the written approval  
of the principal of the secondary school the student attends.

(5) Have the written approval of the student's parent or  
legal guardian.

(6) Have satisfactorily completed the training course for  
election officials.

(7) Meet all other qualifications for appointment and  
service as an election board member except the requirement of  
being a registered voter.

b. No more than one student precinct election board member  
may serve on each precinct election board.

c. Student precinct election board members shall not serve  
as the chairperson of a precinct election board.

d. Before serving at a partisan election, the student  
precinct election board member must certify in writing to the  
commissioner the political party with which the student is  
affiliated.

e. Student precinct election board members shall not be  
allowed to work more hours than allowed under the applicable  
labor laws.

f. A student who serves on a precinct election board is  
not eligible to receive class credit for such service unless  
such service qualifies as meeting the requirements of a class  
assignment imposed on all students in the class.

g. No later than fourteen days after the date of the  
election, the commissioner shall report to the appropriate

3 4 secondary school the following information:

3 5 (1) The name of each student attending the school who  
3 6 served as a precinct election board member on election day.

3 7 (2) The number of hours the student served as a precinct  
3 8 election board member.

3 9 (3) The precinct number and polling place location where  
3 10 the student served as a precinct election board member.

3 11 (4) Any other information the commissioner deems  
3 12 appropriate or that is requested by the school.

3 13 Sec. 2. Section 49.15, Code 2007, is amended by adding the  
3 14 following new unnumbered paragraph:

3 15 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. In drawing up precinct election  
3 16 board panels, the commissioner may use student precinct  
3 17 election board members appointed pursuant to section 49.13,  
3 18 subsection 5.

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3 23 PATRICK J. MURPHY  
3 24 Speaker of the House

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3 28 JOHN P. KIBBIE  
3 29 President of the Senate

3 30 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and  
3 31 is known as House File 618, Eighty-second General Assembly.

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4 1 MARK BRANDSGARD  
4 2 Chief Clerk of the House

4 3 Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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4 7 CHESTER J. CULVER

4 8 Governor